areas. Government is also opening up areas for future exploration through reconnitory surveys.

Cancellation of petrol pumps

†1806. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of petrol pumps cancelled by Government during the year 2001 on the basis of complaints received against petrol pumps; and

(b) the action being taken against the owners of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) In the year 2001, Public Sector Oil Companies terminated in all 67 retail outlets out of which 2 were based on the complaints received against them in line with the dealership agreement / Marketing Discipline Guidelines.

Export of petroleum products

†1807. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the total sale of petroleum products has continuously increased during the years 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001;

(b) if not, the year-wise break up of the increased sale of total petroleum products in the aforesaid years; and

(c) the year-wise details of each product exported alongwith the quantity thereof during these years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, The

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

growth in consumption of petroleum products in the country during 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 is given below:—

Consumption of Petroleum Products (Figures in TMT)

	1998-99		1999-2000		2000-01(Prov.)	
	Quantity	% Growth	Quantity	% Growth	Quantity	%Growth
PSU	84766	6.2	90651	6.9	89986	-0.7
Imports/ Sales by Private Parties*	5796	30.2	6434	11.0	10089	56.8
TOTAL:	90562	7.4	97085	7.2	100075	3.1

* Including own/group company consumption.

Data on Private imports/sales is as per industry assessment in the absence of any authentic source for collection of information

(c) Product exports (Figures in TMT)

	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001
MS		131	1202
NAPTHTA/NGL	720	583	2882
ATF			160
HSD			1597
FO/LSHS			508
LDO			10
COKE			1601
TAME			137
VGO			268
Others		32*	
TOTAL:	720	746	8365

* Off spec LPG.